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The Honorable John O. Pastore
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Pastore:

Following up on our conversation and noting in the Record the text of your Senate Resolution 21 proposing a Select Committee on Intelligence, I would like to urge that the Resolution itself be amended to contain clear language stressing the importance of retaining the secrecy of the many delicate matters the Select Committee would be empowered to investigate.

It is clear that a certain amount of the material can be generalized or can be made public, but the intelligence activities of our Government are currently under considerable handicaps due to the extensive leakage of intelligence sources and methods in a variety of ways. I would certainly expect any Select Committee to be particularly responsible on this subject, but I earnestly recommend that the language of the Resolution make a particular point of this responsibility in order to reinforce its impact among temporary employees, staff assistants, etc.

Sincerely,

/s/

W. E. Colby
Director

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